

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 6, 2005. Claims 2 and 4-6 remain pending. Claims 1, 3, and 8-23 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from Claim 2. Claims 1 and 2 are in independent form.

Favorable reconsideration is requested.

According to the Office Action, Claims 2, 4, 5 and 6 have been objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, with no change in scope. Claims 2 and 4 have been so rewritten, and Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from Claim 2. Accordingly, all of those claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 18-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,809,476 (*Lee et al.*). Claims 9, 13, 17 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lee et al.*

Without conceding the propriety of these rejections and merely to obtain early allowance, each of the rejected claims has been canceled, thereby rendering the rejections moot.

All of the remaining claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on November 23, 2005. The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue an initialed

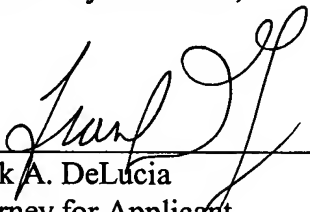
copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied that paper, to confirm that the art cited therein has been considered and made of record.

This Amendment After Final Rejection is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. In any event, however, entry of this Amendment After Final Rejection, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, she is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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